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Local fire units respond to 6-acre wildfire near Woods Subdivision

Williams, Ariz., April 25, 2016—For Immediate Release. Fire responders from the Kaibab National Forest, Coconino National Forest, and the Williams and Ponderosa fire departments responded to a wildfire yesterday about a mile south of the Woods Subdivision near Garland Prairie. The Dogtown fire, which was reported just after 2 p.m., was contained at 6 acres by fire personnel.

“Due to the remote location, poor access, and expected weather conditions, this fire had the potential for a much different outcome,” said incident commander Grayson Beckley.

High winds can cause rapid spread that can be problematic for firefighters, which may also create a threat to neighboring communities. In this case, however, firefighters were able to contain the wildfire quickly despite high winds.

The cause of the Dogtown fire is unknown and currently under investigation by Forest Service law enforcement. Crews will remain on scene today working to extinguish all heat and smoke found within the fire perimeter, and will monitor the area throughout the week.

With warmer temperatures, lower humidity and higher winds, springtime conditions warrant increased diligence, and visitors are reminded to use extreme caution when using fire in forested areas. Individuals can help in reducing the number of preventable, human-caused fires by completely extinguishing campfires before leaving their camp site.

Although there are no fire restrictions currently in effect on the Kaibab National Forest, managers continuously monitor conditions that may increase fire danger levels at any time.

More information on the Kaibab National Forest can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab. Information on fire restrictions across the state can be viewed at <http://firerestrictions.us/az/>.

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